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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This response and amendment are filed in response to the Office Action dated May 18, 2006.